



AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification beginning on page 1, lines 4-7, as follows:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 10/157,385, filed May 28, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,648,344, which is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/199,398, filed November 24, 1998, now Patent No. 6,422,577, the disclosures of which are hereby expressly incorporated by reference.

Please amend the specification beginning on page 10, line 11, as follows:

As a second nonlimiting example, the frame 420 may be a two-piece frame. Referring to FIGURE 8, each piece 490 and 492 of the frame 420 is configured as an inverted "L" and is preferably constructed from the same material as described above for the other example. The downwardly depending spine of each piece 490 and 492 defines the sidewalls 452 and 453. Core material 464 is sealed within each sidewall 452 and 453 in a manner described above for the preferred embodiment. Preferably, the core has a thickness contour, such that the external surface of the skate frame has a contour that reflects the contour of the core. Alternatively, and as seen in FIGURE ~~[[9]]~~ 8, each sidewall 452 and 453 has an inner and outer half 465 and 466. Each half may be stamped from a rigid material, such as aluminum, to define a contoured section. The contoured section is sized to receive the core material 464 therein, such that when the two halves 465 and 466 are joined together in a manner well known in the art, the core material 464 is disposed within the contoured sections of the inner and outer halves 465 and 466 of each sidewall 452 and 453. The base portions of each piece 490 and 492 project orthogonally from the sidewalls 452 and 453 and are adapted to be fastened together in a manner ~~well known~~ well known in the art. As fastened, the base portions combine to define the shoe mounting portion 450.

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